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1. SCHEDULE I NOT APPLICABLE

2. SCHEDULE II NOT APPLICABLE

3. SCHEDULE III SPECIAL CONSULAR SERVICES

	FY 1973	FY 1974	*6 1975
DEATHS OF AMERICAN CITIZENS	8	10	4
ESTATES AND PROPERTY CLAIMS	3	3	2
NOTARIALS	1073	1200	400
WELFARE/WHEREABOUTS	74	100	25
ARRESTS	7	10	7
SEAMEN AND SHIPPING	N/A	N/A	N/A
TREASURY CHECKS	488	486	200
SERVICES FOR OTHER FEDERAL OR STATE AGENCIES	11	200	25
CONGRESSIONAL CORRESPONDANCE	3	3	1
TOTALS	1667	2002	664
MAN-HOURS UTILIZED: AMERICAN	600	750	350
LOCAL	1000	1200	850
TOTALS	1600	1950	1200

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4. SCHEDULE IV CITIZEN SHIP AND PASSPORT SERVICES

	FY 1973	*6 1974	FY 1975		
EXECUTION OF APPLICATIONS		282	390	150	
EXAMINATION OF APPLICATIONS		0	0	0	
ISSUANCE	N/A	N/A	N/A		
CERTIFICATE OR CARD OF IDENTITY	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
NO FEE PASSPORTS APPLICATIONS ONLY	3	2	2		
AMENDMENT	108	125	75		
VERIFICATION	0	0	0		
REGISTRATIONS	10	15	8		
BIRTH AFFIDAVIT	98	120	70		
BIRTH REGISTRATION	81	88	65		
COPY FS 240	71	79	64		
WITNESS TO MARRIAGE	0	0	0		
WAIVER OF PASSPORT	N/A	N/A	N/A		
TOTALS	653	699	434		
MAN-HOURS UTILIZED AMERICAN		585	590	155	
LOCAL	1560	1570	1420		
TOTAL	2145	2160	1575		

5. SCHEDULE V REMARKS AND JUSTIFICATION

CONSULAR SERVICES AT UDORN HAVE SKYROCKETED IN THE LAST THREE FISCAL YEARS BECAUSE OF THE PRESENCE OF LARGE NUMBERS OF US MILITARY PERSONNEL, THEIR DEPENDENTS, CIVILIAN CONTRACTORS TO THE USG, AND EX-SERVICEMEN. NOTARIALS ALMOST DOUBLED FROM FY 71 TO FY 72 AND DOUBLED AGAIN IN FY 73. THERE WERE ALMOST FOUR TIMES AS MANY WELFARE AND WHEREABOUTS CASES IN FY 73 AS IN FY 72. APPLICATIONS FOR PASSPORTS WERE ALMOST DOUBLE WHAT THEY WERE TWO YEARS AGO. IN FY 71 THE CONSULATE AMENDED 5 PASSPORTS, AND IN FY 73 AMENDED 108. FOR PERSPECTIVE CONSIDER THAT IN FY 67 THE CONSULATE PROVIDED ABOUT 400 CONSULAR SERVICES ALTOGETHER, WHILE IN FY 73 IT PROVIDED A TOTAL OF 2,320 SERVICES.

A LARGE NUMBER OF THESE SERVICES WILL CONTINUE TO BE REQUESTED AS LONG AS THERE IS A SUBSTANTIAL US MILITARY PRESENCE AT THE SIX MAIN BASES IN NORTHEAST THAILAND. THE MILITARY PERSONNEL MUST HAVE PASSPORTS IF THEY LEAVE THAILAND BY COMMERCIAL AIRCRAFT FOR ANY REASON (R&R, RETURN TO CONUS). IF UNCLASSIFIED

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THEY MARRY A LOCAL NATIONAL, MARRIAGE CERTIFICATES MUST BE AUTHENTICATED. IF CHILDREN ARE BORN, (AND FREQUENTLY ARE), REPORTS OF BIRTH AND PASSPORTS FOR THE INFANT HAVE TO BE PROCESSED. THE ONE CONSULAR ASSISTANT REGULARLY PUTS IN A GREAT DEAL OF OVERTIME COMPLETING PAPERWORK CONNECTED WITH THESE SERVICES. THE CONSULATE SPENDS A LARGE AMOUNT OF MAN-HOURS

COUNSELING US CITIZEN WIVES OF US PERSONNEL ON OBTAINING THAI VISAS. SUCH VISAS CAN BE EXTENDED FOR A PERIOD OF UP TO NINETY DAYS, AFTER WHICH THE WIVES MUST LEAVE THE COUNTRY, AND BEGIN THE WHOLE PROCESS OVER AGAIN. FREQUENTLY THE SPOUSES ARE CONFUSED ABOUT HOW TO REMAIN IN THAILAND, OR RUN INTO WORSE DIFFICULTIES SUCH AS EXPIRED VISAS OR VISAS OBTAINED ILLEGALLY. IN UDORN ALONE, THERE ARE MORE THAN 450 US CITIZEN DEPENDENTS, MOSTLY WIVES, WHO SEEK THIS COUNSELING. AS LONG AS THE US MILITARY ARE HERE IN SUBSTANTIAL STRENGTH, WE ANTICIPATE THIS WILL CONTINUE TO BE TRUE. RIGHT NOW THIS COUNSELING DURING AN AVERAGE WEEK REQUIRES ABOUT FIVE AMERICAN MAN-HOURS AND FOUR LOCAL MAN-HOURS.

ALTHOUGH THE CONSULATE DOES NOT ISSUE IMMIGRANT VISAS, THE CONSULATE DOES COUNSEL SERVICEMEN AND THEIR PROSPECTIVE LOCAL NATIONAL SPOUSES ABOUT THE PROCEDURES AND FORMS NECESSARY FOR OBTAINING AN IMMIGRANT VISA TO GO TO THE US. TOO, WE OFTEN COUNSEL THAI WIVES WHOSE SPOUSES HAVE ALREADY RETURNED TO THE US AS TO THE CORRECT PROCEDURE TO UNDERTAKE IN ORDER TO JOIN THEIR HUSBANDS. THIS REQUIRES UP TO THREE LOCAL MAN-HOURS WEEKLY. WE ANTICIPATE THAT THE US MILITARY PRESENCE IN THE NORTHEAST WILL EVENTUALLY BE REDUCED, AND THAT IS THIS OCCURS OUR CONSULAR WORKLOAD WILL CORRESPONDINGLY DIMINISH, TO BE MORE IN LINE WITH OUR PRESENT STAFF CAPABILITY. WE DO NOT KNOW FOR CERTAIN, HOWEVER, HOW SOON THE MILITARY PRESENCE WILL BE REDUCED. IT IS, THEREFORE VERY DIFFICULT TO PROJECT OUR NEEDS FOR FY 74 AND FY 75. WE ESTIMATE THE US FORCES WILL REMAIN IN FY 74 WHEN THE WORK-

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LOAD WILL INCREASE, BUT THAT THEY WILL BE PHASED DOWN BY FY 75 WHEN THE WORKLOAD WILL DECREASE. THE 1976 BICENTENNIAL IS NOT EXPECTED TO AFFECT THIS CONSULAR DISTRICT.

6. SCHEDULE VI FY 73 REGIONAL BUREAU AUTHORIZATIONS
GENERAL CONSULAR: 3 AMERICANS, 1 LOCAL TOTAL
SAME AS ABOVE.

FY 1973 FILLED POSITIONS 6/30/73 SAME AS ABOVE.

FY 1974 REQUIRED SAME AS ABOVE

FY 1975 REQUIRED SAME AS ABOVE

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